

MINUTES
Underhill Conservation Commission
April 10, 2017
Underhill Town Hall

Present: Karen McKnight, Amy Golodetz, Daphne Tanis, Dan Steinbauer, Laurie Graham,

Absent: Pat Lamphere, Peter Hiskes, Betsy Chapek, Nancy McRae

Welcome and Opening Remarks: Karen reviewed the agenda and welcomed guest Michael and Francine Mellot.

Public Comment: Visiting; Francine and Michael Mellott introduced themselves. They are interested in learning more about the works of the UCC and Michael would like to put his biology expertise to work in helping out the UCC with future projects. Both are interested in helping out as volunteers.

Approval Minutes: March 13, 2017 minutes approved with changes.

Discussion:

Signage Update

Amy shared information from another vendors estimates for the Brook signs. Work Safe Corporation estimates offered the following;

Roaring Brook	(1)	\$28
Browns River	(2)	\$33
Crane Brook	(1)	\$28
Mill Brook	(1)	\$28

Members discussed font and colors of the Brook signs. UCC members agreed blue would be a desirable font color. Dan suggested that standards may be required for the signs. Amy took the action item to follow up with the Town Roads Department on any standards required for the signs. Karen took action item to ask Brian about cost of the “North Underhill Station’ sign.

Budget Planning & Submission to Selectman

Karen asked for estimated cost associated with 2017 projects. UCC members provided best estimates for the following on-going projects:

Brook signs -	\$117
Living with Bears	none
Bird Friendly Maple Sugaring	presenter mileage 50 miles@ (.55)/mile = \$27.50
Emerald Ash Bearers	none
Green day	none
Plant sale	blueberry bushes (cash outlay not to exceed \$250)

Spring Workshops and Planning

Living with Bears - April 20th

- Presentation/workshop action items – Set-up room, follow-up with Forrest, event duties –Daphne. Four(4) more postings on Front Porch Forum – Laurie. Sandwich Board Set-up –Laurie. Betsy – Clark Trucks sign posting.

Green-up Day - May 6th

- Pat Lamphere working on implementation of Green-up Day. Garbage Bags available at Town Hall. Breakfast provided by Mountain Mamas. Drop –off Stations: Town Garage and Fire Station.

Plant Sale - June 3rd

- Nancy and Amy still identifying vendors for Blueberry bushes to be sold at Plant sale. Possible vendors; Hartman, Michigan, Debra Waterman, Johnson, and Amy's friend Annie. Blueberry Bush update and decision by May meeting. Need to know; Bare-root or potted plant, cost per plant and cost for delivery. Other planning items to be discussed at may meeting.

Bird-Friendly Maple Sugaring – June 12th

- Daphne to create poster, need venue details. Amy to to handle venue/event planning. Further panning to follow at May meeting.

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- UCC will resume surveying and planning at Dan's direction in June.

Town Mowing and Bush-hogging coordination to save fledglings

- Amy and Karen continue exploring best methods to advise Town Road Crew.
- Amy recommends holding off to do cutting and clearing until August 1st. Best time to do Brush-hogging after October 1st. Amy advises we follow the Town of Huntinton's plan. Further update next meeting.

Karen –Update

Karen shared with the Underhill Commission ideas she and the County Regional Planning Coordinator discussed. Interested in planning for regions' prime agriculture land, scenic views and animal corridors. Karen to work with Regina and update UCC with ideas for planning in future meetings.

Adjournment: The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 9, 2017, 6:30 p.m., Underhill Town Hall

Respectfully submitted, Daphne Tanis, 4-14-17 **draft**